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In re Application of
Li, et al. :
Application No. 09/864,101 :
Filed: May 23, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: 48470 :
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COLLECTING STATISTICS FROM ELEMENTS:
AT MULTIPLE COLLECTION RATES :
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ON PETITION

This decision is in response to the petition to correct filing date, filed April 26, 2002. This petition is being treated under 37 CFR 1.10(c) as a petition to accord the above-referenced application a filing date of May 23, 2001 instead of May 24, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on May 23, 2001. Petitioner has provided evidence to this effect, including a copy of an "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" mailing label bearing tracking number EL759042795US (the same Express Mail number found on the transmittal letter accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) and a "date-in" of May 23, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) is **GRANTED**.

No fee is due in connection with this matter.

This application is being forwarded to the Official of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to May 23, 2001.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-0310.

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